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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS  
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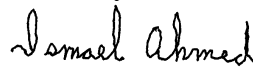
The Honorable Dudley Spade, Chair  
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Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Spade:

Section 532(2) of 2008 Public Act 248 (Enrolled House Bill No. 5814) directs the department to conduct licensing reviews no more than once every 2 years for child placing agencies and child caring institutions that are nationally accredited and have no outstanding violations. This section conflicts with 1973 PA 116, 722.118a (1), which directs the department to conduct annual onsite inspections. In March of 2008, the Bureau of Children and Adult Licensing drafted an administrative rule which would allow nationally accredited child caring institutions to request a modified onsite inspection. A similar rule for child placing agencies will be drafted during a rule work group scheduled to convene in January 2009. These changes are part of an initiative to develop a performance based licensing model for child welfare facilities.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact John Sorbet, chief administrative officer, at (517) 373-7787.

Sincerely,

  
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